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REMARKS

With regard to the continued §112 rejection of Claims 25-27 for lack of support in the specification, the Applicants note that support can be found in Table 2, examples 9, 10, and 11, wherein 13 wt%, 5 wt% and 20 wt elastomer, respectively. Further, Example 21 in Table 3 describes the inclusion of 10 wt% elastomer. The Applicants contend that these examples present adequate support for the claimed range of from about 5 to about 25 wt% of the elastomeric component (c) of the claims.

The Applicants respectively submit that Applicants are not required to exemplify each and every possible combination within the claimed range. Therefore Applicants again contend that the ranges claimed in Claims 25-27 are commensurate with the Examples.

The amendment to the specification is in response to the Examiner's suggestion to include the content of Claim 28 into the specification. However, the amendment is requested strictly to reduce the issues under review in this application. This amendment is deemed by Applicants to be superfluous due to the passage found at page 4, lines 19-26, which set out the possible structural layer components useful in the practice of the present invention. Ethylene homopolymers, ethylene copolymers, and ethylene ionomers are already named therein and the Applicants respectfully contend that the specification already provides support for Claim 28. Please reconsider the rejection in view of the support provided and the amendment made to the specification at the Examiner's request.

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The Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the Claims be withdrawn, and instead the rejected Claims be allowed.

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